



Weekly Information & Communication



Weekly WIC Newsletter

April 3, 2017

Local Agency Conference Call

We have a local agency conference call this Thursday, April 6th at 9:00 am. The draft agenda is linked [here](#), and the WebEx information can be found on our website calendar [here](#). The agenda with log in link will be sent out closer to the meeting. Please plan to attend, thank you!

RSA Fobs (State Network Only)

This is a reminder that the DPHHS is implementing the use of RSA fobs across the state. Please remember the following:

1. Without the fob, you cannot log into your computer. For those of you with laptops, when you undock it and take it somewhere (such as travelling to satellite clinics), then you still have to take the fob with you.
2. The envelope you received the fob in contains a letter with required information. Please send the information to the contact identified in the letter.

If you haven't received a fob yet, or have any questions, please contact 406-444-9500.

Special Formula Exchange at the Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative

If your clinic has a surplus of any unexpired special formula and would like to pass it on, please bring it to the BLC. There will be a place for the exchange of these items. Be sure to check in the items you bring with Chris or Lacy; and to check about what is available.

Idaho Breastfeeding Summit

The Idaho Breastfeeding Coalition is hosting its first ever [Idaho Breastfeeding Summit on August 1-3, 2017](#) and would like to extend an invite to the surrounding state's WIC staff! Idaho State WIC decided to sponsor this event with the Breastfeeding Bonus Award. They have recruited talented speakers to include—Marianne Neifert, Jane Morton, Marsha Walker, Thomas Hale, and Melissa Cole. All of the details can be found on the conference web site. Per day and per conference rates are available. Space is limited and prices will increase on June 1, 2017.

New Local Program Staff Training

The State Office will be offering training for new(er) local program staff on June 14th – 16th, 2016. Please see the [agenda](#), [registration form](#), and list of possible [hotels](#). Attendees will be expected to complete required activities before attending. These will be sent in a later newsletter. Local programs are responsible for the travel, lodging and per diem costs (no meals provided). For questions, please email Lalittle@mt.gov or call 444-5923 or fax 406-444-0239 to Lacys' attention.

Creamatocrits

Recently, USDA sent out information about using WIC or BPCP funds to purchase a creatinocrit. Their purchase is not an allowable expense using either of those funding sources. Federal funds may only be used for costs that are both reasonable and necessary to carry out the WIC Program. Creatinocrits are not necessary to carry out WIC Program services and therefore not an allowable expense.

April Time Study Month

April is another time study month. Please start recording your WIC hours beginning April 1. The final deadline is Friday May 5th. Thanks.

April Biannual Forms Order

April 15th is the deadline for our Spring Biannual Forms order. Please inventory what you have per lead agency, and order enough to last until October 15th 2017. The forms are located on our website under Local Agency Staff >Order Forms. They are available in a [fillable form](#) and a [word doc](#). Please send all orders to [Kelly](#) at the state office. Thank you.

April Outreach Idea

Reach out to drug-alcohol intervention programs/providers in your community. Provide information about WIC and locations of services.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 121](#), Short Stature or At Risk of Short Stature (Infants and Children) is defined as follows:

Height Classification	Age	Cut-off Value
Short Stature	Birth to < 24 months	≤ 2.3 rd percentile length-for-age as plotted on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Birth to 24 months gender specific growth charts.
	2-5 years	≤ 5 th percentile stature-for-age as plotted on the 2000 CDC age-gender specific growth charts.
At risk of Short Stature	Birth to < 24 months	> 2.3 rd percentile and ≤ 5 th percentile length-for-age as plotted on the CDC Birth to 24 months gender specific growth charts.
	2-5 years	> 5 th percentile and ≤ 10 th percentile stature-for-age as plotted on the 2000 CDC age/gender specific growth charts.

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